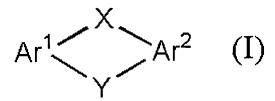
## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A polybutadiene composition comprising a polymer having a butadiene unit as a polymerization unit unit and a compound represented by the following formula (I):



wherein Ar<sup>1</sup> and Ar<sup>2</sup> each independently represent a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic ring an aromatic ring or an aromatic ring substituted with at least one substituent group selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, acyloxy, hydroxy groups, a halogen atom, a sulfo group and a carboxyl group, X and Y each independently represent an alkylene group having one or two carbon atoms, or an oxygen atom.

2. (Previously Presented) The polybutadiene composition according to claim 1 wherein the polymer having a butadiene unit as a polymerization unit is a polymer selected from polybutadiene, styrene-butadiene copolymers, acrylonitrile-butadiene copolymers, acrylonitrile-butadiene copolymers, styrene-butadiene block copolymers and impact resistant polystyrenes.

## 3-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The polybutadiene composition according to claim 1 wherein content of the compound represented by the formula (I) is 0.01 part by weight or more based on 100 parts by weight of the polybutadiene composition.

## 6-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A polybutadiene composition according to claim 1, wherein Ar<sup>1</sup> and Ar<sup>2</sup> each independently represent an aromatic ring or an aromatic ring substituted with at least one substituent group selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, acyloxy, hydroxy groups, a halogen atom, a sulfo group and a carboxyl group sulfonyl, and carbonyl groups.

## 10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) A polybutadiene composition according to claim 1, wherein  ${\rm Ar}^1$  and  ${\rm Ar}^2$  each independently represent an aromatic ring or an aromatic ring substituted with at least one substituent group selected from the group consisting of an  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{5-8}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_{6-20}$  aryl,  $C_{7-20}$  aralkyl,  $C_{1-18}$  alkoxy,  $C_{1-18}$  acyloxy, hydroxy groups, a halogen atom, a sulfo group and a carboxyl group.

- 12. (New) A polybutadiene composition according to claim 1, wherein  $Ar^1$  and  $Ar^2$  each independently represent an aromatic ring or an aromatic ring substituted with at least one substituent group selected from the group consisting of an  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{5-8}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_{6-20}$  aryl,  $C_{1-18}$  alkoxy,  $C_{1-18}$  acyloxy, hydroxy groups, a halogen atom, a sulfo group and a carboxyl group.
- 13. (New) A polybutadiene composition according to claim 1 or 11, wherein  ${\rm Ar}^1$  and  ${\rm Ar}^2$  are benzene rings.
- 14. (New) A composition according to claim 1, wherein X represents an alkylene group having one or two carbon atoms, and Y represents an oxygen atom.